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The Honorable Gene Taylor
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Taylor:

On behalf of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the national federation of state and local pro-life organizations, I am writing to thank you for your action, on September 15, in signing Discharge Petition Number 11.

As you know, the rules of the House of Representatives provide that if 218 members sign a discharge petition on a particular legislative measure, the House is compelled to vote on that measure, even if the leadership of the House majority party does not desire such a vote. Discharge Petition Number 11, if it received the required number of signatures, would force a House floor vote on H.R. 4972, a bill to repeal the law formally titled the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," but more widely known as "the Obama health care law."

The National Right to Life Committee was strongly opposed to enactment of the health care law, because it contains multiple components that will allow expansion of abortion with federal subsidies and regulatory decrees, and because it contains mechanisms that will result in rationing of lifesaving medical treatments. You consistently opposed this legislation when it was under consideration, and now you have taken a concrete action to repeal the law. We are aware that there are strong pressures on members of the majority party not to sign discharge petitions, and we take note that you are the only House Democrat, to date, who has signed Discharge Petition Number 11. For this, we offer our commendation and thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Johnson".

Douglas Johnson
Legislative Director